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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the following nonprofit organization:

The Board of Governors for Higher Education  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
199 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

I hereby declare that the above-identified nonprofit organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the above-identified invention, the specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law to the application filed herewith have been conveyed to, and remain with, the above-identified nonprofit organization.

If the rights held by the above-identified nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights to the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a nonprofit entity is no longer appropriate.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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